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PREAMBLE

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QUANTAM ab Æquo Principe gratiam promereri potuit Vir Illustri & perantiqua Gente ortus, Ingenio ad magna natus, ad majora Eruditione omnigena institutus, diuturno rerum Civilium usu exercitus, in diversissimis administrandæ Reipublicæ muneribus summa cum laude, & suo satis cum periculo

 versatus:

verſatus: Tantam *perdilectus & perquam fidelis Conſiliarius noſter* Robertus Harley *merito a nobis conſequi debet, Hic, unus a frequentiſſimo Communium conſilio, per tres continuo vices, Orator evocatus eſt, immo unus, & illam Cathedram tenuit, & nobis eodem Tempore ab Epiſtolis fuit, utrique haud quaquam impar Provinciæ, Officia enim adeo inter ſe viſa diſſidere, Illi facile erat conciliare qui hominum animos temperare atque inflectere pari prudentia & authoritate potuit, qui populi jura ſic tueri novit ut nihil interim Majeſtati Regiæ decederet, quique penitus intellexit quàm pulchre conſiſtere poſſet cum Libertate Imperium. Gemino hoc munere decurſo, cum reſpiraſſet paululum, Ærarij noſtri curam Quæſtor ſuſtinuit, late graſſanti peculatus peſti coercendæ, noviſque ad alterum Orbem Commercij inſtituendis conſuluit & mire ſagax laborantibus Fiſci rebus tam opportune nuper ſuccurrit ut liberatam ab eo fidem publicam laudet Senatus gaudeant Cives Nos etiam (a communibus enim commodis noſtra nunquam devellimus) haud parum lætemur, Quare viro de nobis noſtriſque omnibus præclare merito honores, & ipſi & ipſius genti jam diu*

debitos

debitos decernimus. Ad hoc & noſtra nos Voluntas ducit, & totius Britanniæ *vox hortatur. Quem enim ob ſua in nos fidiſſima Studia perditorum hominum Odijs obnoxium commemorant, quem a Nefarii Parricidæ furore ſervatum gratulantur Regni noſtri Ordines, Is ne fruſtra ſervatus ſit, admonent. Eorum Lubentur favemus votis, qui ad nos tam honeſto utriuſque Domus Senatoriæ ſuffragio commendatus accedit, ſuum inter Proceres, quibus jampridem nobili majorum Sanguine & multijuga generis ſerie conjunctus eſt, habeat Locum, & ab illa Urbe ubi egregie vigent literæ literarum ipſe ſciens & literatorum Fautor, titulos ſuos feliciter fauſteque Auſpicetur.*

Sciatis, &c.

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WHatever Favour may be Merited from a Juſt Prince by a Man Born of an Illuſtrious and very Ancient Family, fitted by Nature for Great Things, and by all Sorts of Learning qualified for greater; Conſtantly Employed in the Study of State Affairs, and with the Greateſt Praiſe, and no Small Danger, exerciſing the various Offices of the Government: *So much* does Our Well-beloved and very Faithful Counſellor *Robert Harley* deſerve at Our Hands: He who in Three Succeſſive *Parliaments* was Unanimouſly choſen *Speaker*, and at the ſame time that he filled the Chair, was Our Principal *Secretary of State*: In no wiſe unequal to either Province. Places ſo ſeemingly diſagreeing were eaſily reconciled by one who knew how with equal Weight and Addreſs to Moderate and Govern the Minds of Men: One who could preſerve the Rights of the People without infringing the Prerogative of the Crown: And who thoroughly underſtood how Beautifully *Government* could

could consist with *Liberty*. This Double Task being performed, after some short Respite, he was made *Chancellor* of Our *Exchequer*, and thereby prevented the further Plundering the Nation, and also took Care for the Settling a New Trade to the *South* Seas, and (by Rescuing Public Credit) so opportunely Relieved the Languishing Condition of the *Treasury*, as to deserve Thanks from the *Parliament*, Blessings from the *Citizens*, and from Us (who never separate Our *Own* Interests from the *Public*) no Small Approbation. Therefore we Decree to the Man that has so Eminently Deserved of *Us*, and all our Subjects, those Honours which were long since Due to *Him* and his *Family*, being induced thereto by our own Good Pleasure, and the Suffrage of all *Great-Britain*. For we take it as an Admonition, that *He* is not in Vain Preserved whom the *States* of our *Realm* have Testified to be obnoxious to the Hatred of Wicked Men upon account of his most Faithful Services to Us, and whom they have Congratulated upon his

Escape from the Rage of a *Flagitious Paricide.* We gladly indulge their Wishes that He who comes thus recommended to us by so Honourable a *Vote* of both Houses of *Parliament* should have his Seat among the *Peers*, to many of whom his Family have been long allyed, and that He who is Himself *Learned*, and a *Patron* of *Learning* should happily take his Title from that City where *Letters* do so Gloriously Flourish.

Now Know ye, &c.

FINIS.

Just Publish'd,

AN Account at Large of what pass'd at the Old-Bayly on *Friday May* the 18th, relating to the Tryal of Richard Thornhill, Esq; Indicted for the Murder of Sir Cholmley Deering, Bart. in which is inserted a Copy of the Challenge as it was produced in Court, taken out of Sir Cholmley's Pocket after his Decease. Sold by *John Morphew*, near *Stationers-Hall*. Price Two-pence.